GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2723
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HIKE IN PRICES OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of cement in the country has been affected due to hike in the prices;

(b) if so, the increase in the prices of cement registered during the last one year as compared to previous two years and the impact thereof on the construction industry; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to(c): The price of cement in the major consumption centres as shown in the statement enclosed indicates that it has not shown any upward trend in the last year as compared to the previous two years. Further, the capacity, production, domestic consumption and export of cement/clinker in the last three years in respect of large plants as shown in the statement below indicate that the production of cement is increasing every year and there is no shortage of cement.

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Installed capacity	Capacity Utilization(%)	Production (Domestic)	Consumption Cement	EXPORTS Clinker
2000-01	114.52	82	93.61	90.29	3.15	2.00
2001-02	129.90	79	102.40	99.01	3.38	1.76
2002-03	136.97	81	111.35	107.59	3.47	3.45

In addition, mini cement plants produce about 4 to 5 million tonnes of cement per annum, entire of which is consumed.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2723for answer on 8th August, 2003 regarding hike in prices of cement

(Rs.per bag of 50 kg)

REGION/CENTRE	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
NORTHERN REGION			
DELHI	136	133	130
KARNAL	143	139	136
CHANDIGARH	143	150	142
JAIPUR	127	130	118
ROHTAK	135	131	126
BHATINDA	143	148	139
LUDHIANA	146	155	144
JAMMU	181	189	182
SIMLA	151	165	156

EASTERN REGION

CALCUTTA 144 131 151
PATNA 134 130 136
BHUBNESHWAR 141 128 141
GAUWHATI 171 174 172
MUZAFFARPUR 138 134 137
SILCHAR

WESTERN REGION

BOMBAY 158 165 156
AHMEDABAD 140 138 134
NAGPUR 131 132 118
PUNE 148 138 125
RAJKOT 139 138 134
BARODA 139 139 134
SURAT 140 139 134

SOUTHERN REGION

MADRAS 162 170 143
TRIVANDRUM 174 180 151
BANGALORE 153 159 140
HYDERABAD 133 142 119
CALICUT 173 181 152
VISHAKAPATNAM 145 146 130
GOA 144 146 136

CENTRAL REGION

LUCKNOW 130 131 129
MEERUT 133 134 131
FAIZABAD 124 124 125
BAREILLY 133 129 131
BHOPAL 125 121 117